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## Financial woes may mean end of Venice

UE plant reassessment latest blow to city

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Recent and upcoming financial setbacks to the city of Venice prompted Mayor Tyrone Echols to tell aldermen at Tuesday's City Council meeting that the city may eventually have to face dissolution.

"The way this is going, we're going to wake up one day and find out we can't afford a city," he said.

The city is facing problems. The biggest is the recent reassessment of the AmerenUE generating plant from about \$6 million to \$1 million by the Madison County

"The way this is going, we're going to wake up one day and find out we can't afford a city."

Tyrone Echols  
Mayor

Board of Review. That action cuts the total assessed value of property in Venice by one-third, with a corresponding drop in tax revenue.

The reassessment will also raise the tax rate for other property owners. While some items the city taxes for have a minimum value, others such as pension and liabilities have no set rate. The costs for those items will simply be passed on to other taxpayers.

The second is the high

probability that there will be a negative tax multiplier attached to upcoming tax bills. A tentative multiplier of .9222 has been proposed.

A multiplier compares the previous assessed value of property to the actual sale value to determine the average assessed value of property in an area. The final multiplier will be set after an April 5 public hearing at the Illinois Department of Revenue office in Springfield.

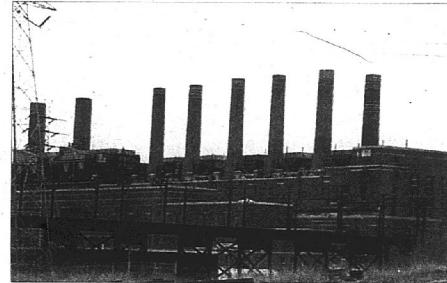
A third problem the city is an April 13 vote on tax caps in Madison County.

"You just see the storm clouds as they are gathering; who knows when that will break loose," Echols said after the meeting.

These are real things that a kind of stunt the growth of a city.

Echols said dissolving the city is "probably more of a reality than people think, the way it's going."

"It's costing something like \$500,000 a year for a police department," Echols said. "It's getting to the point where you're not going to be able to afford anything, it's as simple as that." "All you just can't beat the poor taxpayers to death by constantly raising taxes."



Tim Stephenson photo  
The recent reassessment of the AmerenUE generating plant from about \$6 million to \$1 million cuts the total assessed value of property in Venice by one-third.

## Port District picks officers for 1999

Thornton elected board chair

Michael P. Thornton of Granite City recently was elected chairman of the board of commissioners of the **GRANITE CITY TRICITY PORT DISTRICT**.

Thornton, vice president and trust officer at Central Bank (now merged with First Interstate Bank), succeeds Dr. Charles King, who was chairman for the three preceding years.

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Thornton, who has been a commissioner for 20 years, has a bachelor of science degree from Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville and a graduate of the School for Bank Administration (Trust and Financial Services). A lifelong resident of Granite City, he was elected port treasurer in 1997.

He is married to Justine, a teacher at St. Elizabeth

Denham is fronting for the New Beginnings Party, which includes clerk candidate Steve Dougherty and trustee candidates Lowell Travis, Donald Lee Ridgeway and Michael Pagano.

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By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

The mayoral race in Pontoon Beach is a three-way race pitting

incumbent Mayor Glen Wilson against challengers Randy Prentiss, currently a Pontoon Beach Trustee, and retired police captain Harold "Jim" Denham.

Wilson, of the Continuum Action Party, other party candidates include Carlene Whitehead for mayor, Clark and Linda McFarland, building

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Cadillac Escalade enters SUV market  
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### Egg hunt

Amy Hamilton, a kindergartener at Niedringhaus Elementary in Granite City, finds an egg during the Easter hunt at her school last week.

## Christmas arrives early for some

Group plans to rehabilitate 17 low-income houses

By Mike Hell  
Staff writer

Christmas will arrive eight months early this year for selected low-income homeowners in the Tri-City region.

Beginning April 17, a total of 17 homes will be rehabilitated by the local chapter of the national Christmas in April organization.

The volunteer organization, consisting of skilled and unskilled laborers, rehabilitate

a majority of the homes for the elderly and disabled.

The organization recruits volunteers and sponsors, in turn distribute and collect applications from potential beneficiaries, select appropriate projects, acquire materials, hire contractors and crews and organize the event.

Butch Wojtowicz, executive director of Tri-City Area chapter of Christmas in April, said since the organization's founding in 1983, 68 homes have been rehabilitated. The

estimated cost of the repairs, he said, would have been about \$650,000.

"Our volunteers have made a difference in the community," Wojtowicz said. "They've taken their own time to help people who could not help themselves. That shows just how good-hearted and caring these people are."

This year, 11 homes will be rehabilitated in Granite City, as well as Godfrey, one in Alton, one in Edwardsville, one in Venice, one in Troy and one in Godfrey.

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## Fitzgerald speaks to the faithful

GOP senator attends Lincoln Day Dinner

By Wade Alberty  
Staff writer

U.S. Sen. Peter G. Fitzgerald was in town Tuesday night to speak at the Lincoln County Republican Party's Lincoln Day Dinner.

He spoke about the

military situation in Kosovo, the Truth in Budgeting Act. See story on MidAmerica Airport and MetroLink during the dinner at Fischer's Restaurant.

On the military situation in Kosovo, Fitzgerald said he was not in favor of taking military action because he felt it was not in America's best interest. The situation is not a great enough threat to national security, he said.

Fitzgerald also spoke about his Truth in Budgeting Act of 1998, which the first bill was proposed since being elected last year.

He said because of his banking background, he believed the American people needed a straight answer to what the federal books actually were.

He said that even though the government is reporting a budget deficit of \$1 trillion by the year 2004, we are actually in debt because the government is borrowing from more than 150 different trusts.

He also spoke about wanting to get an airline into MidAmerica Airport and the business opportunities that the airport has to offer.

He also spoke about getting more funds to expand MetroLink to run to MidAmerica and to continue extending Interstate 255 north to Godfrey.

## News



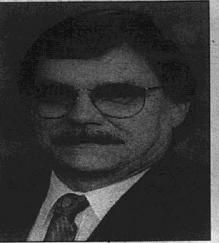
Linda McFarland



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## 9 seek seats on Village Board

Only 3 seats are available in Pontoon Beach

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Voters in Pontoon Beach will have to choose among nine candidates for three open seats on the Village Board.

**ELECTION**  
Incumbent Trustees  
Gus Falter and Irene Karlechik have decided not to seek re-election, and Trustee Randy

Presswood is running for mayor.

Voters must choose among Linda McFarland, building inspector Randy Vlessman, and Byron Wampler of the Continuous Action Party; Dave Levy, Brian Babilis, Brian Babilis of the Neighborhood Helping Neighbors Party; and New Beginnings Party candidates Lowell Travis, Donald Lee Ridgeway, and Michael Fagan.

McFarland, 46, is a graduate of Granite City High School and has been in home day care business for 17 years.

She and her husband, Pete, have two grown children.

McFarland is a member of the village's Board of Police Commissioners.

"I have been a volunteer in the village since 1989," McFarland said. "I helped

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Lowell Travis



Donald Ridgeway



Michael Pagano

## Presswood, Denham challenge Wilson for Pontoon Beach mayor



Glen Wilson



Randy Presswood



Jim Denham

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The mayoral race has seen its share of controversy. Denham's candidacy was challenged by Police Chief Michael Crouch, who filed a complaint with the village's Electoral Board, and then a lawsuit seeking to have

Denham tossed off the ballot for technical violations on his nominating petitions.

However, Electoral Board Chairman Madison County Judge ruled against Crouch's petitions.

Glen R. Wilson, 65, has been mayor of the village president for the past 14 years. He and his wife Robbie have five married children and 15 grandchildren.

Wilson is retired from SCI after 30 years of service and has also served as a trustee for six years and as health and building inspector for the village. He has also been a member of Masonic Triple Lodge 835 for the past seven years.

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He and his wife Susan have two children.

Presswood said he wants to make residents proud of the village government. "I have a diverse background that gives me the necessary qualifications (to be mayor)," Presswood said.

Presswood said his experience as a trustee, health inspector and working for the MESD has allowed him to develop a "good working relationship with all levels of government."

"It is the belief of government to proceed into the future, you must work with all levels of governments," he said. "With my qualifications, I will take Pontoon Beach into the future."

Presswood said one of his

most important goals is bringing attention to the Federal Emergency Management Agency over floodplain building violations to an end. "For the protection of the current and future residents, we must resolve this problem," Presswood said.

"This could have a great effect on the values of all properties in the village."

Presswood would appoint people who "are qualified and truly care" about the village and would expect appointed officials to furnish monthly written reports in their capacities. Presswood would establish citizen advisory committees on various issues, would immediately seek franchise agreements with all utility companies and establish a comprehensive street repair program.

Denham, 59, served as a captain in the Pontoon Beach police department last year after more than 30 years. An area resident since 1961, he is married to Patricia Denham.

Denham said he wanted to "end the madness" on the Village Board and "restore dignity, credibility, and trust in government."

He wants citizens to know that their best interest is at heart as well as the village, and to insure the citizens that we will not be a self-serving government.

Denham's 30-plus years with the police department has

given him the knowledge necessary to run the village, he believes. "Pontoon Beach needs a new beginning as a foundation for a new century," Denham said.

As an example, Denham said Pontoon Beach needs to encourage the growth of both large and small businesses. Denham would be "a full-time

mayor, with an open door policy and have qualified building inspectors and extensive communications with FEMA and related agencies.

Denham also wanted to encourage citizens to become involved in village beautification and make the village "labor-friendly."

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Staff writer  
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## 3 political newcomers in running for Village Clerk position

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

Three relative political newcomers are vying for the position of Pontoon Beach



Carlene Whitehead

Village Clerk in the April 13 elections.

Incumbent Mary Rowden decided not to seek re-election, and candidates from three parties have been nominated.



Lara Dochwat

No incumbents are seeking re-election. In addition to Rowden, Pontoon Beach Trustees Gus Fitter and Irene Karlechik have decided not to seek re-election and Trustee

Randy Presswood is running for mayor.

In the race for village clerk, voters will have three candidates: Carlene Whitehead of the Continuous Action Party, Lara Dochwat of the Neighbors Helping Neighbors Party and Susan Daugherty of the New Beginnings Party — to choose from.

Whitehead, 52, has been a resident since December 1977. She and her husband Gary have two sons. She is senior clerk-stenographer at the AmerenUE Venice Power Plant and has worked for the company for 32 years.

"The opportunity to run for village clerk came at a time when I am ready to change directions," Whitehead said. "Gary and I were very active with our children in church and school. When our children grew up and it's time to get involved with the village and offer my services in any way that I can."

She said her proficiency in computer skills would be an asset to the village. "I can handle responsibility, work well with others and conduct myself as a respectful citizen of the village of Pontoon Beach," she said.

Whitehead's first priority would be to learn the job of village clerk and take an "active role" in the village. Dochwat, 36, has been a Pontoon Beach resident since 1992. She and her husband, Pete, have a 2-month-old child. She is a clerk and has never

sought political office.

"The village needs new and energetic people in office," she said. "I know that if the Neighborhood Helping Neighbors Party is elected, the citizens will see a positive change in our local government."

Dochwat said she is honest, hardworking and enjoys working with people. She has worked for the last 10 years and feel confident I can handle all of the responsibilities of village clerk," Dochwat said.

"Dochwat's goal is to see Pontoon Beach reach its full potential. "This village has so much to offer businesses and new residents, but we need qualified people to work with them," Dochwat said.

Daugherty, 36, has been an area resident since 1979. She has a 15-year-old daughter and is a general manager at the Ponderosa Inn, a night club in Ponderosa Steakhouse. She has also served as a precinct

committeeman.

"I want to help make Pontoon Beach a better community in which to live, work and raise our children," Daugherty said. "I believe the New Beginnings Party offers the best opportunity for bringing much-needed changes to the village."

Daugherty said her strong public relations and organizational skills would help her as village clerk. "In my previous job at Ponderosa, I managed a \$1.3 million-per-year business," Daugherty said. "I will provide the citizens of Pontoon Beach a courteous, efficient clerk who is responsive and accessible to the citizens."

Daugherty added that she would work closely with officials in all levels of government "in an atmosphere of honesty and integrity."

## Police blotter

Granite City Police

POSSESSION OF CANNIBAS: Kevin Champion, 22, of 1722 Grand, Granite City, was charged Wednesday with possession of cannabis.

The suspect was allegedly found in his possession after he was pulled over for driving a car with a shattered windshield and a non-functioning headlight.

Madison Police

POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE: Leeann Beckwith, 40, of 209 Beckwith, was arrested Tuesday for allegedly having a controlled substance in his possession.

Charges are pending the results of a drug analysis.

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## Pontoon Beach Village Board race has 9 candidates, 3 open seats

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with fund-raisers for the village library, and I was elected chairman of the Pontoon Beach Neighborhood (anti-drug) Task Force.

"I am just asking the village residents to give me a chance to show them I can do a good job for them as a village trustee," she said.

Viesman, 52, works for the Nameoki Township Highway Department and is also a residential building inspector for the village.

He has lived in Pontoon Beach his entire life.

Viesman said he is running because he wants "to have a say and some control in our local government."

"I have more than 30 years experience in construction and land development," he said. "I have the time and know very well the lake elevations of Long Lake and Horseshoe Lake, which are the main channels that affect our storm drainage."

He also said he plans to be a "strong supporter" of the police department, and plans to work with state and local officials to improve drainage.

Wampler, 44, an area

resident for the past 17 years, is a general manager of a Farmville Hardees.

He and his wife Kathy have three children.

Wampler has never sought political office before.

"I have a desire to see Pontoon Beach continue to grow and develop," he said.

"We have a great opportunity to attract new business to the village with the Continuous Action Party is committed to that goal."

As a store manager, Wampler said he understands fiscal responsibility and operates within a budget.

"I would like to see Pontoon Beach continue its residential growth," he said. "I also have a strong desire to see the village focus its zoning changes to fit a focused growth plan."

Levy, 45, manages an Autotire Car Care Center. A Hillside area resident, he and his wife Karen have three children.

Before moving to Pontoon Beach, he served as a member of the Village Board.

"I would like to devote more time to our community," he said. "To gain new insight and to make our government more efficient."

He said he has "the drive

and personal experience" to be a good trustee, and is also a member of the Long Lake Fire Department.

Levy's goals including making financial development in the village a priority.

"This is a great community with the opportunity to make substantial gains," he said.

He also said he would work to keep lines of communication open, and would be willing to listen to residents.

Kelly, 47, is a hair stylist with Great Clips in St. Louis. She has two daughters.

"I am a very strong-minded person and am willing to listen and help the people of our community," she said. Kelly said that if she is elected she will be a hard worker and would "always be there" for the people.

Babilis, 29, has been an area resident since 1994, and is a chemical engineer with Ciba Specialty Chemical in St. Louis.

He and his wife Stacy have one child.

"I am running to help in the development of Pontoon Beach," he said. "I believe our community has the potential to rival our neighbors and reproduce their recent economic growth."

Babilis said he is an "honest and loyal person," and is interested in helping to work hard.

"I have held many leadership positions, and am currently involved in our community through youth sports and scouting."

One of his goals is to see new businesses locate in Pontoon Beach.

"I believe their revenues would allow us to become more self-sufficient," he said. "We would be able to provide our own community services, such as street cleaning and repair."

His goals are to identify recurring problems in the

village, clean up and explore growth opportunities, and strive to be "business and labor friendly."

Levy, 41, is a journeyman electrician foreman at Triangle Industries.

He and his wife Linda have two children.

Pagano said he wants to see changes in Pontoon Beach that will help the village grow, and

to provide honest government for the community.

"With all the building the construction business will help the village in bringing in new business," he said. "Making sure construction is done right and that codes are enforced for the protection of people and property." He also said he wants a village beautification program.

By Scott

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## Police Blotter

### Granite City Police

**OUTSTANDING**  
WEEKEND: James Scott, 34, of 1728 Cleveland, Granite City, was taken into custody Monday on a warrant for a robbery charge in Madison County in 1998.

**POLICE CHASE:** A police chase between a Granite City patrol car and a motorcycle Monday evening resulted in the collision of the two vehicles in the 1700 block of Delmar.

The police officer nor the owner of the motorcycle, George Kisor, 29, of Granite City, were injured.

The chase began about 9:15 p.m., when officers patrolling near State Street saw the motorcycle weaving in and out of traffic.

When the patrol car, with emergency lights flashing, approached the motorcycle on the southbound lane, it accelerated, darting in and out of traffic.

The chase continued at high speeds to the 1700 block of Delmar, where the collision occurred.

According to a police report, the patrol car skidded into the motorcycle after Kisor applied his brake.

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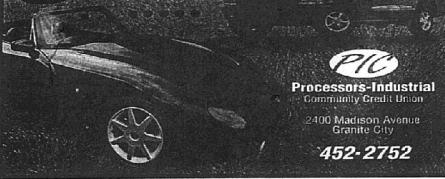
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# Council approves borrowing from bridge for payment

By Scott Cousins  
Staff writer

With an interest payment due in two days, the Venice City Council approved borrowing money from the McKinley Bridge's operations and maintenance fund to pay the interest on the outstanding bridge debt.

The interest payment — \$120,000 every six months — is part of the restructuring of the bond debt. In October, the city defaulted on approximately \$4.3 million in outstanding bonds.

A resolution authorizing transferring \$52,000 between

the two funds was approved unanimously.

Mayor Tyrone Echols said attorneys handling bridge matters had strongly suggested making payment, despite sagging toll revenues. "Their recommendation is that we do not default on the first payment," Echols said.

"Their (suggestion) is that we do not default."

Tyrone Echols  
Venice Mayor

and federal funds have been slated for bridge

improvements over the next few years. Echols had previously discussed borrowing even more to pay off the debt and add additional requirements, but said Tuesday that would be impossible at this time.

About \$11 million in state

by the Terminal Railroad Association to terminate a right-of-way lease on the bridge that brought in \$250,000 in revenue to the city.

Discussion of the bridge by the council led to a larger discussion of "rumors of bridge tolls" among bridge workers.

Long-standing talk that some of the workers have been "plifering" tolls and other problems.

Echols said some of that may just be "sloppiness or oversight," but it is going to have to stop. "It's nothing new," Echols said. "The alarming part is that we now have to start borrowing and tapping sources that were not there to pay off the outstanding bridge debt."

Several years ago, the city installed video cameras in the toll booths, but there have still been ongoing concerns. "It is

without a doubt that the traffic is down, but I don't think it's been down as much as figures show," Echols said.

It was also reported that in one of the automatic toll lanes, the collection box had overflowed and could not be passed through for about two hours before police placed a barricade on the lane.

Several aldermen questioned why one of the workers did nothing about it, Mayor Echols said. The son of the mayor, said that toll workers were prohibited from going onto the automatic

lanes. Echols Jr. also said they had recently sent out a memo regarding visitors at the toll booths.

Mayor Echols said he did not have a problem with toll booth visitors dropping off lunches and other items for the workers, but things had gotten out of hand.

"You wind up with visitors and partying there," he said. "The possibility of a robbery," he said. "How do you know the people who are visiting are not visiting the money, too?"

## Police blotter

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**Household trash pickup day Monday**

The village of Pontoon Beach will have a household trash pickup day on Monday.

Items must be on the curb by 8 a.m.

cannabis was found in his possession.

Kisor was charged with disorderly conduct, aggravated fleeing, obstructing justice, resisting a police officer and unlawful possession of cannabis and was issued three citations for recklessly driving.

He is also wanted in Florida for grand theft auto and in Louisiana for a probation violation.

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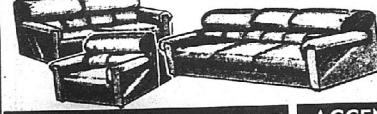
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Ruby Gibson, 67, of Granite City, will have her home rehomed in the 2300 block of Logan. Gutters will be installed and carpets will be laid during the day.

"I could do it myself," Gibson said. "If these nice people wouldn't help me, I don't know what I'd do."

March Smith, 73, of the 1900 block of Joy Avenue in Granite City, will have her home rehomed.

Smith, who is often confined to a wheelchair, said ramp and barrier windows and siding will be installed.

"I can't get around too good these days, so this will help a whole bunch," Smith said.

A total of 500 volunteers in a area will be working to help people like Gibson and Smith. As examples of the

hard work involved, windows will be caulked, rooms will be painted, floors will be replaced and, among other rehab projects, a large number of handicapped accessible installations will be made.

"It's definitely not a day at the park. The volunteers will be tired, and some exhausted," Wojtowicz said. "It's a lot of hard work filled with a lot of satisfaction."

Wojtowicz also said that there has been an overwhelming number of volunteers to respond to this year's campaign. He said electrical, carpentry, plumbing and many people willing to use muscle power have offered their services.

"A lot of people are going to benefit because of the response we have had," Wojtowicz said. "It's been impressive." Work began in April in Midland, Texas, in 1973 as a way to help low-income, disabled or elderly people in west Texas.

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School. They have two daughters, Jennifer and Katherine.

Thornton is the immediate past president of the Granite City Rotary Club, past board member of the Madison County Arts Council and past board member of the Tri-Cities Area United Way.

Thornton said he "big shot" to be in following Dr. King's chairman and hopes he is up to the task.

The highlights of King's tenure as chairman include the initiation of a community center at the port, a new steel processing plant, a joint venture between National Steel and Robinson Steel; construction of roadway, rail, sewer, water and other infrastructure improvements at two of the Port District's public dry bulk material terminals; the creation of an alliance between the City of Granite City and Southwest Port; passage of legislation creating a revolving loan fund for Illinois Port Districts; and the attraction of numerous private businesses to the port, including two world class industries.

Other port officers elected for 1999 were Delta Grootenhuis, trustee; Jim Koenig, secretary. Re-appointed were Robert Wydra, executive director; Velda Taylor, general manager; Eric Robertson, port attorney; and Jim Labit, port engineer.

**Letters to the Editor**  
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# Opinions



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## It's easily the best show in the state

Legislative antics make Jerry Springer's look pretty tame

Legislative politics can sometimes be greater than art. For instance, occasionally, a fight will break out.

Rep. Bill Black (R-Danville) is known on Springfield for throwing the best temper tantrums. Black is the House Republican floor leader, so part of his job is to defend his minority party's interests when the Democrats step on their toes.

Black rants and raves uncontrollably, and it's difficult to tell where the theater ends and the reality begins. He's usually a teddy bear, but every now and then he really bites his top.

Black threw a rubebook at the speaker's podium several years ago when the House Democrats had committed a particularly egregious transgression of their own rules.

He hasn't behaved himself quite so recently, but the other party has. One once shoved Republican State Rep. Terry Parke after an intense debate on school funding. Parke had taunted him for working with the Democrats until Black couldn't take it anymore.

Rep. Black managed to behave himself for quite a while, but tripped his cork again a few days ago.

Black, a former public schoolteacher, had been stewing all day about how his House Republican leaders had pushed through a tax break for parents with children in private schools. But no one was going to sit on the Democrats when they violated a major procedural rule.

Black began yelling, then screaming. After the Democrats turned off his microphone, he resorted to pounding on his desk. He eventually picked up a tissue box and heaved it a good 25 feet toward the Speaker's podium.

He grabbed his bottle and reared back, but a member of his staff grabbed his arm before he could do any damage, so he stormed the podium and yelled at the presiding officer.

Rep. Rosemary Mulligan (R-Des Plaines) also has a temper. A few days ago, Mulligan ran upstairs to stomp a bill that would ban abortion for minors.

The pro-life Mulligan was understandably shocked when she looked up at the speaker's podium while she was talking and saw Cardinal Francis George of Chicago standing there.

The cardinal was scheduled to lead both legislative chambers in prayer. He had finished praying with the Senate and had come to the House to repeat the gig. Mulligan began fuming at the cardinal's presence, convinced that the pro-life House Speaker and Mulligan had timed his arrival to coincide with her abortion debate.

After the cardinal left, Mulligan charged the Speaker's podium, shouting a series of words she didn't say, but the gist was that Mulligan was a dirty rotten so-and-so for pulling such a blatant stunt. Madigan claimed it was a secret. Mulligan said he was either lying or an inconvenient.

Sometimes, legislative dustups can have repercussions beyond Springfield.

Rep. Larry McKeon (D-Chicago) is the only openly gay member of the Illinois General Assembly. McKeon introduced a bill this spring to ban discrimination against gay people and the gay community's state's attorney, including Gov. George Ryan, who helped lobby for bill. Things were looking good, and some of McKeon's allies were cautiously predicting victory.

But the bill missed passage by just three votes the other day. McKeon was devastated. He probably had a hard time avoiding reporters after the vote, as they wanted a statement.

McKeon told the reporters that he blamed his bill's defeat on three Republican House members who voted against it, even though they have gay or lesbian siblings. Then, surprisingly, he named all three members.

Local gay families of the issue were horrified when they heard what McKeon had said. Dragging family members into a political debate and exposing their private lives is totally unprecedented in Springfield.

McKeon had crossed way over the line of acceptable behavior and most legislators said they'd never consider voting for his bill again.

After a couple of days passed and tempers cooled a little, McKeon hand-delivered a heartfelt, gutty, written apology to each House member. He admitted the lives of people who needed protection from discrimination may have been hurt by his outburst.

As of this writing, most members seemed inclined to forgive him.

The late, great state Rep. Zeke Giorgi (D-Rockford) used to call the Illinois House "the best show in Illinois."

He wasn't far off the mark.

*Rich Miller is an independent journalist.*



## Safer schools goal of new legislation

Testimony from concerned parties help put this plan together

**By State Rep. Jay Hoffman**

The Illinois House of Representatives last month passed a legislative package called the Safe Schools Legislation Action Plan.

As chairman of the Illinois Education Safety Task Force, I sponsored this plan as a response to apply pressure to make our schools safer for our teachers and our students.

House Bill 1 envisions this legislation so we can prevent the horrific tragedies that stunned the nation last year.

In addition, the plan calls for school safety and violence prevention training for teachers so that they can better identify which potentially dangerous situations.

The plan also calls for better reporting standards between school officials and law enforcement officials. Our task force heard testimony at every

recommended by teachers, administrators, law enforcement officials and student leaders.

The legislation includes measures to help several entities work together to address the problem of school violence. This plan will establish the necessary links between the state of Illinois to allow schools to share ideas and work together to combat violence.

In addition, the plan calls for school safety and violence prevention training for teachers so that they can better identify which potentially dangerous situations.

The plan also calls for better reporting standards between school officials and law enforcement officials. Our task force heard testimony at every

hearing regarding the importance of local law enforcement officials sharing information, with the goal of preventing school violence.

Another provision in the legislation creates a state grant program to help schools use school resource officers.

Locally, Collinsville and Edwardsville have had success in their schools at promoting school safety by using local law enforcement officers as school resource officers.

Additionally, the legislation increases penalties for violent crimes committed at schools and increases penalties for teachers or school employees. I believe these provisions are necessary to send a loud and clear message across the state that violence in our schools will not be tolerated.

I believe the Safe Schools Legislative Action Plan will make Illinois schools safer for our teachers and our students. If you have any questions about this legislation, please feel free to contact me.

The Collinsville office is located at 126 Vandalia, Suite 1, and can be reached in office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. We will also be open from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday. Please feel free to contact our office if we can be of assistance on any state matter.

**Jay Hoffman is a state representative from Collinsville, representing the 111th District.**

## Letters To The Editor

**Memo to county:**  
**We've had enough**

**TO THE EDITOR:**

Fed up, depressed, had enough? As taxpayers of Madison County you should be with the total disregard of the Madison County Board for the people they are supposed to be looking out for.

What was the latest scam ... \$110,000? Some of the ex-County Board members have found loopholes to steal

from the taxpayers, and then make a public statement that "they don't care what the people think!"

With the recent announcement by state and federal agencies of the withholding of Medicare and Medicaid payments to a number of nursing homes in the area, there will be a need for approximately 100 beds in Madison County, and maybe more when the investigators are finished in the area.

The Madison County Nursing Home has more than 60

excellent beds open. These vacant beds are costing the taxpayers more than \$125,000 a month.

The Madison County Nursing Home has a rating of No. 1 in the county and No. 28 in the state out of 851 nursing homes throughout the state. The Madison County Nursing Home is not closed! Call your County Board member and ask them to open up admissions of new patients.

The Madison County Board voted themselves a 34 percent

pay raise. They should now earn it by opening the nursing home and finding ways to operate it and be proud of one of the "good things" in Madison County.

They should forget about the 43 acres the Madison County Nursing Home sits on.

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The Suburban Journals has selected the Kupper Parker Communications agency to help develop a variety of advertising and marketing programs.

The partnership with Kupper Parker will help the Journals promote the newspaper to the public and to local and national advertising decision-makers.

"In addition to providing agency expertise for the Suburban Journals, Kupper Parker also will assist us with our sister publications, the Ladue News; The Telegraph, a weekly paid daily newspaper in Alton, Ill.; and our County Kids publications that are published in three markets in St. Charles County and west and south St. Louis County," said Tom Rice, president and CEO of the Suburban Journals.

"The Suburban Journals are the largest group of community newspapers in North America," Rice said. "St. Louis we publish 72 editions a week, encompassing 40 independently edited and owned newspapers. All have a strictly local news and sports focus."

The weekly circulation of the Suburban Journals is nearly 1.5 million.

Tan Cohen, a Kupper Parker senior partner and director of strategic planning and research, will lead the company's efforts on behalf of the Journals.

"I enjoy publishing. Newspapers are in my blood," Cohen said.

"I'm looking forward to assisting the Journals in marketing, advertising, sales

promotions, media buying and strategizing." Cohen joined Kupper Parker after having marketing positions at both the St. Louis Globe Democrat and Post-Dispatch, as well as a stint as general manager of the former St. Louis Weekly.

Kupper Parker is the largest independently owned ad agency in St. Louis with more than \$150 million in gross billings. Its clients include Anheuser-Busch, Jiffy Lube, Shoe Carnival, Imo's and Wendy's. The company, located in Clayton, has about 100 employees in St. Louis. It also has offices in Louisville, Ky., Nashville, Tenn., Kansas City, Mo., New Orleans, and Columbus, Ohio.

"I hope to bring about a greater visibility to the Suburban Journals in both the advertising community and for readers to give it another look," Cohen said.

"Some people don't recognize the scope of the newspapers. But honestly, the Journals wouldn't be in operation for more than 75 years without being a major force in the newspaper business."

The coverage area of the Suburban Journals includes blanket coverage of St. Louis city and county, St. Charles and Jefferson counties in Missouri, and Madison, St. Clair and Monroe counties in Illinois.

In addition, parts of Warren and Franklin counties are served.

## Move over 66, U.S. 40 back

By Curtiss A. Hartley  
Staff writer

A move is under way in Illinois to make U.S. 40, formerly known as the Cumberland Road, as popular as its more famous cousin, Route 66.

The designation as a "Scenic Byway" would help promote historic and economic benefits for the area, according to members of the plan.

Madison County Board member Alan Dunstan, D-Troy, chairman of the Legislative Committee, expects the proposal to come before the board in April.

The group (a group working on the proposal) are asking for \$2,000, Dunstan said. He said the proposal has to pass through the legislative and finance committees before going to the board. He expects it to be approved by the end of the year.

The grassroots movement needs to raise \$77,000 in seed money to then apply for a federal matching grant. The combined funds would then be used to finance the proposal to seek the special designation.

The project would gather money to pay for a resource inventory, a corridor enhancement plan, the application to the federal Scenic Byways Commission and to hold public meetings to get local input into the project.

Suzanne Burton, Tourism Coordinator for the Collinsville Convention and Visitor's Bureau,

is helping to organize the effort locally. "What makes U.S. 40 exciting is that it goes through Cahokia Mounds and Collinsville," she said. "And the Cumberland Road, or National Road, was also known, starts in Marion and ends in St. Louis."

"Once the designation is made, we can apply (for other funds) to develop a stand-alone welcome center for Highway 40, among other things," she said.

The plans include visitor centers, rehabilitation of historic transportation corridors, preserving abandoned railroad corridors for pedestrian and bike trails, controlling or removing outdoor advertising, and establishing a transportation museum, according to Burton.

The National Road Association of Illinois, a private organization with more than 200 volunteers from around the state, is working with local communities to raise the money needed to apply for federal funds. The money would be used to pay for study to evaluate the historic, archaeological and economic value of the highway to the affected areas. Then the U.S. Department of Transportation would be requested to officially designate the highway as a byway.

"If you have the scenic highway designation, it makes it easier to tap into federal grant money for other historic and economic development," said Lyle Kruger, president of the NRAI.

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## Obituaries

**John Kurosz**  
JOHN KUROSZ, 74, of Edwardsville died Wednesday, March 31, 1999, at his residence in Edwardsville. Mr. Kurosz was born July 24, 1924, in Madison. He was retired from Laclede Steel in shipping and receiving and was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, PRCU 1004, and AMVETS Post 204. Mr. Kurosz was a World War II U.S. Navy veteran.

Survivors include his sisters, Sophie Petrosky and Frances Kinsella, both of Madison and Eva Wojcicki of St. Louis.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Sam and Helen (Sleczka) Kurosz, and his brothers, Stanley Kurosz and Joseph Kurosz.

Visitation will be 5 to 8 p.m. Monday, April 5, at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2025 Pontoon Road, Granite City.

Services will be 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, April 6, at the funeral home with the Rev. Jim Koether officiating.

Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association of Madison County.

**Edward Bertram**

EDWARD R. BERTRAM, 80, of Granite City died Wednesday, March 31, 1999, at Community Care Center, 1000 W. Madison Street, Granite City. Mr. Bertram was born Nov. 22, 1918, in O'Fallon. He was a retired fork lift driver from Rexall Drug Store in Granite City. He was a member of the VFW Post 1300, American Legion Post 113, and PEO 112. Mr. Bertram was a U.S. Navy veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy (Bertram) Bertram of Granite City; two sons, Gary Bertram of Granite City, and James Bertram of St. Louis County; one daughter, Betty Bertram of St. Louis County; one sister, Viola

Steeler of St. Louis; 18 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward and Margaret (Davie) Bertram; two sisters, Mabel Batty and Nadine Ganns; and one grandchild, Richard Bertram.

Services will be Friday, April 2, at Werner Chapel in Granite City with the Rev. Alan Redfern officiating. Burial will be in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

**Bradley Whitford**

BRADLEY WHITFORD, stillborn, of Granite City.

Survivors include his parents, Timothy and Tracey (Edwards) Whitford, and his maternal grandparents, Clifford and Mary Edwards of Granite City, his paternal grandparents, Linda Whitford of Granite City, and Michael and Vickie Whitford of Granite City; his paternal great-grandparents, Clarence and Gladys Whitford of Granite City.

Graveside services will be Saturday, April 3, at the Granite City Cemetery in Granite City, with the Rev. Tom Irwin Chapel handling the arrangements.

**Pauline Slater**

PAULINE S. SLATER, 67, of Granite City died Wednesday, March 31, 1999, at Mariville Manor, 1000 W. Madison Street, Granite City. Mrs. Slater was born April 13, 1931, in Pulaski County, Mo. She had been a waitress at P.W. Woolworth in Granite City, then worked for the Second Street Baptist Church.

Survivors include her husband, George (Loyd) Slater of Granite City; two sons, Gary Slater of Granite City, and James (Jim) Slater of Olentha, Kan.; four daughters, Donna Criles, Phyllis Barnhart, and Wanda Hensley, all of Granite City, and Linda Prouse of St. Louis; two brothers, Marvin Buckingham of Granite City and John Buckingham of Granite City; two sisters, Betty Richardson and Wanda Moore, both of Granite City, and Rhonda Rippy of Tennessee; and 18 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, John Buckingham.

Services will be 4 to 8 p.m. Monday, April 5, at Werner Chapel in Granite City.

Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 6, at the funeral home with the Rev. Jamie Hahn officiating. Burial will be in Valley View Cemetery in Edwardsville.

Memorials may be made to the

American Heart Association, Cancer Association, or the Kidney Foundation.

**Nikolas L. Ely**

NIKOLAS L. ELY, 21, of Edwardsville, died Saturday, March 27, 1999, in South Roxana.

Mr. Ely was born Jan. 13, 1978, in Granite City. He was a student at South Roxana High School.

Survivors include his mother, Victoria (Kubek) Ely of Edwardsville; his step-father, John Ely of Edwardsville; and his fiance, Monique Davis of South Roxana.

He was preceded in death by his father, Ronald Ely.

Services will be 10 a.m. Saturday, April 3, at Irwin Chapel in Granite City with Rev. Fredrick Wilson officiating. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery in Edwardsville.

Memorials may be made to the Humane Society.

**Thelma Gleave**

THELMA M. GLEAVE, 69, of Granite City, died Saturday, March 27, 1999, at Colonial Care Center, Granite City.

Mrs. Gleave was born July 8, 1930, in St. Louis, Mo., and was a member of the Baptist faith and the Order of the Eastern Star.

Survivors include her brother, James Gleave of Granite City; and Donald Adams of Granite City; and two sisters, Sara Dempsey and Tina Miles-Smith, both of Granite City.

Services will be held Saturday, March 31, at Phillips-Robinson Funeral Home in Nashville, Tenn., with the Rev. George H. Phillips officiating. Burial was in Spring Hill Cemetery in Nashville, Tenn.

Services were made to Shriners Hospital for Children.

Davis Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

**Helena Devany**

HELEN (MURRAY) DEVANY, of Murray, died Tuesday, March 23, 1999, at Murray Calloway County Hospital.

Ms. Devany was born Oct. 11, 1918, in Venice, Mo., and was a housewife and a member of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include her son, George Rinhorn of Hazel, Ky.; one daughter, Raeleen Calender of Madison;

and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Glenn and Hilda (Brooks) Howe.

Services were held Tuesday, March 23, at Werner Chapel in Granite City with the Rev. Greg Dickerman officiating. Burial was in Granite City Memorial Estates in Granite City.

**Carolyn Bryd-Sanborn**

CAROLYN J. BYRD-SANBORN, 65, of Edwardsville, formerly of Granite City, died March 27, 1999, in Edwardsville.

Mrs. Byrd-Sanborn was born July 14, 1933, in Porters, W.Va. She had been employed as a Central Supply Technician at St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City. She was a member of Jehovah's Witnesses.

Survivors include her son, Larry Byrd of Ironton, Mo.; Mark Byrd of Mitchell, Ind.; John Byrd of South Roxana and Chester Byrd of Piedmont, Mo.; three daughters, Carolyn, wife of Greg Parsons of Georgia; one sister, Debra Williams of Granite City; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Eddie and Virginia (Gillespie) Atkins.

Visitation will be held from 9 to 11 a.m. today, Thursday, April 1, at Werner Chapel in Granite City.

Services will be 11 a.m. today, Thursday, April 1, at Werner Chapel in Granite City.

Memories will be cremated.

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**Horoscope**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 4**  
A mysterious facade shields the very thing we want to know the most about, increasing our curiosity and heightening our appetite for life. This week, the moon shifts from Scorpio into the fire sign Sagittarius. This is harmonious with the Aries sun and begins a high-energy cycle that will last a few days. It's time to clear your mind.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY**  
(April 4). Brisk personal progress toward a personal goal makes it easy for you to accept the powerful love that comes your way. Year-end-of-the-month meetings lead to financial arrangements and job opportunities. Reunions in June involve embracing an old love in a new way. Keep close tabs on family.



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**APRIL 5** Events from the past may arise to haunt you. Just accept responsibility and get on with it. Your connection with others is what's important now, and your partner can help you expand

possibilities for resolution.

**T A U R U S** (April 20-May 20) While things planned with care do not work out, you finally have the green light on projects important to your future. Money through work begins to flow this week. Make the leap toward commitment in your life.

**G E M I N I** (May 21-June 21). Allow yourself to move outside your comfort zone and be transformed. You will be glad! You see through things clearly and are able to set into motion necessary changes. Do not dwell on fear or limitations from the past.

**C A N C E R** (June 22-July 22). Keen perceptions offer a key to getting ahead. Your hard work in the past pays off today. A casual conversation could bring romance into

your life now. Enjoy company this evening, and try a new approach to sharing time.

**L E O** (July 23-Aug. 22). Money matters needn't come between you and your mate or best friend; just be open about your financial expectations. Support the security needs of others. Make contact with a relative who needs your perspective.

**V I R G O** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Others value your abilities, and you feel loved. Brilliant flashes of insight help you break free from whatever is holding you back. You know the worth of things. Share your feelings with those close to you.

**L I B R A** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Trust in the new. Competition forces you to

improve and gives you confidence. Your appearance is spectacular. Stop feeling sorry for yourself, and get moving with personal goals. A child may not be leveling with you no good.

**S C O R P I O** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Your sense of adventure is strong; try something new. What you write could become famous or get the attention of those who do you good. You don't mind that loving relationships require extra work.

**S A G I T T A R I U S** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). There is more to a love relationship than what is being expressed presently. Just being yourself is impressive enough to people you respect. A family member expresses the desire to reunite.

**C A P R I C O R N** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). If you protect the feelings of a young person, you may find yourself in a crucial moment of this person's life. Begin a cycle of patience and foresight. An all-or-nothing attitude does you no good.

**A Q U A R I U S** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Luck is booming, so act quickly. Financial help is there if you decide to take it, but there are hidden costs. You are brilliant when you sleep on a major decision. Pending news turns out to be beneficial.

**P I C E S** (Feb. 19-March 20). Remember to reward yourself for a job well done. Passions with a lover run hot after a separation. Save money today for financial freedom tomorrow. Lay down the law; everyone else takes cues from you.

**Movie schedule**

Film timetable for Sunday, April 4. For showtimes on other days, or to confirm times, check local theaters.

**CARMIKE PETITE**  
I-70 and Hwy. 157, Collinsville, Ill.  
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**CRESTWOOD PLAZA** 10  
248 Crestwood Plaza, 656-3909  
Deep End Of The Ocean (PG-13)  
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True Crime (R)  
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Analyze This (R)  
Dog's First Movie (G)  
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**DES PERES 14 CINE**  
Manhattan & 1270, 822-9900  
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## Stallings update Kevin Stallings takes position at Vanderbilt

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## Watching Gaetti will be fun

Former Mon-Clair League player keeps going at age 40

Baseball appeals for more reasons than watching a Mark McGwire home run. I'm from southern Illinois, and in the Mon-Clair area, you know at age 57, I'm pulling for Gary Gaetti and the Chicago Cubs to have a good season.

There's something about cheering for someone from your area that adds spice to a sports season.

Through the years, the agate type of newspapers has been a haven for a sports fan like me because of the A to Z coverage of racing and the late Arnie Knepper to Bud Zipfel, the former major league baseball player, also a Belleville native — this area has produced some of the best.

Without even mentioning the Masters golf tournament, we Bob Goalby and his nephew Jay Haas are listed back-to-back in this year's invitee list, you know before getting to the letter G and golf, baseball has got me to make a most notable list.

Baseball's G — as in Gaetti, is the player who will bring a smile to anyone feeling the pangs of pain provided by aging.

Now 40 (he turned that last Aug. 19), he is sure to draw the attention of former Mon-Clair men's amateur baseball players like Jim O'Neil and Carl Hahn (Waterloo), Gary Warning, Jim Bedwell, Mike Toenjes and Dennis Schutzenhofer (Millstadt), Joe Caravita and Don Barton (Belleville) and Scott Posey (Valmeyer).

You see, in 1978 — a year before Gaetti turned pro, he played with Centralia of the M-CAHL, a .400 fifth-best in a batting race that featured the above players (listed with their teams).

Imagine now, 21 years later after being a coach with Minnesota in 1982, Gaetti is expected to be the regular third baseman for the Cubs. Let go by the Cardinals last season after hitting .295 with 11 home runs in 91 games, Gaetti hit .320 with eight homers and 27 RBI in 37 games with Chicago.

Is Gaetti optimistic about this season? Consider his quotes this spring:

"I don't know what the expectations are. I'm just going to go out and play baseball like I can have a better year all-around than last year. I had a real good month in Chicago, but playing in Wrigley (Field) is going to be good for me and the Cubs."

Of his longevity: "I never really felt like I'm going to play a lot of games in my career, and that will be it. I never felt like I could take the game for granted like that.... You always hear that you know when it's time to retire, but I think that place yet. It will be interesting to look at the guys who are like three, four or five years into the game now, and see how long they last. They are so much new training techniques, better equipment and more emphasis put on training to maintain the body. I think you'll be seeing guys playing longer — if the desire is there."

Does life begin at 40? Gaetti is proving that and maintaining the desire he showed during his Mon-Clair days.

**Art Voellinger**  
**Sports Views**



John Swistak Jr. photo

Granite City's Keri Ousley controls the ball during Thursday's Southwestern Conference soccer game with Collinsville. Granite City fell behind 2-0 before scoring two goals to force overtime. But the Warriors lost the game 3-2 in overtime as Amanda Kirksey converted a penalty kick.

## Warriors set for season of recovery

Lobdell optimistic about future

By Rick Broome  
Staff writer

The Granite City tennis team swings into action Tuesday in the 1999 season opening against Belleville East.

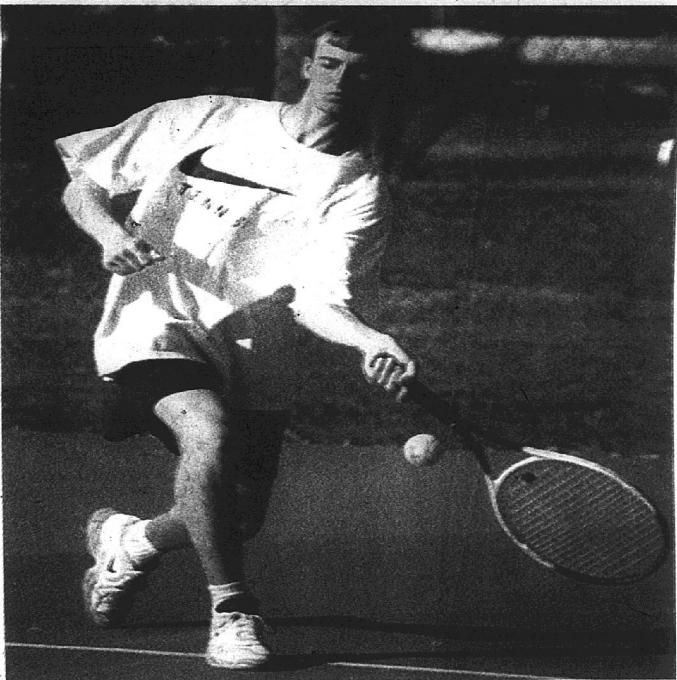
The Warriors will try to begin a turnaround for a program that has seen its share of mediocrity lately.

"Last year we were down," Granite City coach Al Lobdell said. "We have been down for a couple of years. We have had some decent players, but our record wasn't very good. Tennis in Granite City has been down a little bit. Ages ago, we would have players in the area. I started some 12 years ago and we always had state qualifiers. I had state qualifiers for nine or 10 years straight. Then things have fallen off a little. We are trying to get things started again. We'll see."

The Warriors do have some weapons in their arsenal, but most of them are still a bit untested and fresh from the factory.

"Our big gun is Andy Balcer, a sophomore," Lobdell

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Tim Stephenson photo

Granite City sophomore Andy Balcer is the No. 1 player for the Granite City tennis team this spring.

## Warriors enjoy mixed results in Collinsville

By Rick Broome  
Staff writer

The Granite City boys and girls track teams continued their streak of solid showings this past week.

The Warriors girls went to Collinsville

on Monday and ran riot on the field, topping second-place Alton by five points and third-place Collinsville by 21.

"Monday, with our girls track meet, the girls showed not only great gains, but also great depth," Granite City coach Gene Briggs said. "And the fact that we're able to win the meet and outscore Alton by five points, the depth was the key. We did have a number of top finishes — first

and second places — but it was also the thirds and fourths that gave us the total that won. So in the girls program, the ability to run fast is also being a little bit in depth, and that is helping."

"We had a number of performances that are approaching state standards. We

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## Warriors fall to Collinsville in overtime

Kirksey converts PK after controversial call

By Rick Broome  
Staff writer

The girls soccer rivalry between Collinsville and Granite City added another chapter Thursday night as the Kahoks posted a 3-2 overtime victory in the Southwestern Conference clash in Collinsville.

As sometimes happens in big games between intense rivals, there was some controversy.

Collinsville scored the winning goal on a penalty kick in the second overtime after Kahoks standout Cara LeMaster was taken down in the box.

Amanda Kirksey converted the kick and the Kahoks held off the Warriors for the final

seven minutes to post the victory.

Opinion fell along partisan lines about the call.

"It definitely deserved a penalty kick there," Collinsville coach Deana Wallace said. "She was in the box and got shoved off the ball. It was a good call. If it had been called on us, it would have been called on us. I believe it was a fair call. We were just fortunate to be the one on the receiving end of the penalty kick."

Granite City coach Gene Baker disagreed.

"It was a classic example of opposite officiating," he said. "The foul on Erika (Todd) down at the other end was questionable, and the one

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## Warriors build around seniors

Team's goal is reaching .500

By Rick Broome  
Staff writer

The Granite City girls softball team has some key components in place at the start of the 1999 season.

Find the right complementary parts will be key to the Warriors' outlook this season.

"We have four seniors," Granite City coach Deb Germann said. "Jan Shanafelt and Robyn Slater will be the shortstop and third base respectively. Tasha Douglas and Amanda Pasheas are the other two seniors. They will play in the outfield. In the last two games, they have shown a lot of positive things for us."

"We are young at the other positions. We have Jessica Riedner and Jessica Reader; they have played the last two years for us. They will be our battery of pitcher and catcher. They do a lot."

"The rest of the players are juniors and lacking experience and we have seen that in the last several games. Last night in the game against Red Bud (a season-opening 6-4 loss) on the play at first base, where Bogovich caught the ball and it went under her. The ball should have been caught and they scored a couple of runs on that."

Granite City bounced back to beat Collinsville 10-4 in a Southwestern Conference game on Tuesday, but Germann still saw room for improvement.

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# It's official: Althoff joins South Seven Conference

By Scott Marion  
Staff writer

After being a rumor for months, it became official last week.

## PREP SPORTS

Belleville Althoff High School is the newest member of the South Seven Conference.

At a recent meeting of South Seven principals and athletic directors, Althoff's application for admission into the conference was approved unanimously.

Althoff will join the South Seven on the varsity level for the 2000-2001 school year, replied O'Fallon, which will join the Southwestern Conference.

It has been nearly 20 years since Althoff has been in a conference, but Glenn Schott, who is the school's athletic director since January 1971, welcomes the change. Schott also has been the Crusaders head football coach for 28 years.

"We certainly enjoyed our time (six years) in the old Gateway East Conference along with Granite City North, Granite City South, Godfrey and Edwardsville," Schott said, referring to a league that disbanded after the two Granite City schools merged.

"Being in a league you make a lot of friends and build camaraderie being together with coaches. I still remember Jerry McKeegan and Greg Patten from Granite City, Dick Forni of Edwardsville, Larry Taylor at Cahokia.

Those were some good times and some good people.

"Obviously we haven't had too many opportunities to join a league. (The South Seven schools) asked some other people, but they also approached us. He had a meeting with the coaches, and the majority of them favored (joining the conference).

Although there were some questions about the travel and underclass games. Once we found a place to go, the things, the school board OK'd it and Sister Jan (Renz, Althoff's principal) made the letter of application.

The South Seven Conference will be back to six teams with Althoff's arrival.

The remaining South Seven schools are Cahokia, Mount Vernon, Centralia, Marion and Carbondale.

"It will be good for our kids to be able to play for a conference championship," Schott said. "Before, the only thing they had to look forward to was the individual game itself and a chance to do well in their own. Now the kids will have a chance to make an all-conference team, which is something we haven't had since the Gateway East in the early 80s."

Althoff, with an enrollment of 778, will be the smallest school in the South Seven. Mount Vernon (1,490) is the largest conference, followed by Cahokia (1,372), Centralia (1,185), Carbondale (1,166) and Marion (1,119).

O'Fallon's enrollment is 1,863 students this year.

Cahokia, a 30-mile round trip, is the closest conference school to Althoff. Round-trip distances to other schools are 12 miles for Centralia, 14 miles for Mount Vernon, 202 miles to Carbondale and 222 miles to Marion.

Despite the distances, joining a conference will be especially beneficial to Althoff's football team, which was one of the few remaining independent teams in the area. In recent years, scheduling games had become increasingly difficult for the Crusaders, who played a few games in Missouri.

"You never get into a conference to benefit one sport, but the travel is not going to make a whole lot of difference," Schott said. "Our boys' basketball team travels all the way down to Cape Girardeau (Mo.) Central and our baseball team goes to Springfield (Sacred Heart). Griffin. Our small team this year will go to Peoria, Bunker Hill and Gillespie."

"Our boys basketball team already plays Mount Vernon, Centralia and Cahokia. It's a heck of a basketball conference, but Coach (Greg) Leib said he's looking forward to the challenge."

"Our coaches have said to me 'I don't see how you get your kids up every week to play games where you're not in a conference.' You play because you want to win, and you want to win, but being in a conference will certainly add a great deal of incentive."

Crusaders will end nearly 20 years as independent in 2000-2001

Schott admits to a "selfish" reason for wanting to join the South Seven.

From an athletic director's standpoint, it will make scheduling a lot easier, Schott said. "In football, we take what

everybody else has left over on their schedule. Some people, you may not want to play or you may not want to travel that far, but if you want to have a game, you have a voice. We still have an open date for next year. With fewer and fewer independent

schools, it's gotten tougher for us to find opponents.

"Being in a conference provides another avenue by which we can gain in publicity. Right now we're playing for six wins to get in. We've had decent teams the last couple years, but because

of our schedule, we haven't been able to get in."

"We'll probably move up from (IHSA) Class 3A to Class 4A once we're in the South Seven, but I don't know if we'll trade off any time to be in a conference. We'll be the smallest school in the league,

but that doesn't matter. In everything else, we're Class A."

Althoff's schedule for the 1999-2000 school year won't be affected.

"We'll complete next year's schedule and talk to the conference about what we want to keep on their schedule and who they want to drop," Schott said. "They're certainly going to have some input."

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# Stallings takes helm at Vanderbilt University

## Collinsville grad leaves post at Illinois State

By Brian Bretsch  
Staff writer

Former Collinsville High all-stater Kevin Stallings was named the new head coach at Vanderbilt University in a press conference Thursday afternoon.

Stallings, who has averaged more than 20 wins per season at Illinois State in the last six years, signed a five-year contract with Vanderbilt, the only private school in the 16-team Southeastern Conference.

"I consider Vanderbilt to be a perfect fit," said Stallings. "It's well documented that I've been one of the top opening in the past few years, but this is the best fit at the best time. Everything is in place to have enormous success at Vanderbilt."

Stallings replaces Jan van Breda Kolff, who resigned after six seasons in his alma mater, where he posted a 108-81 record, including a 14-15 record this past season.

Stallings has had success at every stop among his storied basketball career.

He started his career at the all-state team in his junior and senior seasons. He ranks eighth on the Kahoks all-time scoring list with 1,503 points in 96 games. In his senior season, 1977-78, he led the Kahoks to a third-place finish at the IHSA state tournament.

As a freshman at Belleville Area College in 1978-79, Stallings led the Dutchmen to the NJCAA Tournament.

He transferred to Purdue and was a member of the school's Final Four team during his sophomore year, 1979-80. In his next two seasons, 1981 and '82, the Boilermakers appeared twice in the NIT Final Four.

Upon graduating from Purdue, Stallings became an assistant coach for six seasons. He then assisted at Kansas for five seasons before landing the head coaching position at Illinois State University in Normal.

"Kevin is extremely competitive and this adjustment has been wonderful back to the level of competition with other great teams in the Southeastern Conference," Kansas coach Roy Williams said. "Vanderbilt has tremendous interest in basketball as well as high academic goals. This combination is truly what Kevin Stallings is looking for."

The 38-year-old Stallings guided Illinois State to a 123-63 record in his six seasons, including ten 20-win campaigns and two NCAAs.

"Kevin Stallings has proven himself to be one of the best coaches in the country," said

Kevin Stallings Coaching Record			
Year	School	W-L	Conf.
1994	Illinois State	16-11	12-6
1995	Illinois State	20-13	13-5
1996	Illinois State	22-12	13-6
1997	Illinois State	24-6	14-4
1998	Illinois State	25-6	16-2
1999	Illinois State	16-15	7-11
Totals		123-63	75-33

### Career Accomplishment

Illinois State made NCAA appearances in 1997 and '98, reached second round in 1998.

Illinois State won the NIT in 1998 and '97, made quarterfinal round in 1997.

Illinois State won Missouri Valley Conference regular-season and postseason tournament titles in 1997 and '98.

Stallings served as an assistant to Roy Williams at Kansas from the 1988-89 season to 1992-93. In that time, the Jayhawks were 132-37 with two NCAA Final Four appearances (1991, '93).

Stallings also assisted to Gene Keady at Purdue from the 1982-83 season to 1987-88. In that time, Purdue was 139-44 with NCAA tournament appearances in all six seasons and a Sweet Sixteen appearance in 1987.

Stallings played at Purdue from 1979-80 to 1981-82. The Boilermakers were 27-8 in 1979-80 and made an appearance in the NCAA Final Four. Following two seasons, Purdue made the NIT Final Four. Stallings also played his freshman season of college basketball at Belleville Area College. The Dutchmen went 26-9 in that 1978-79 season.

Stallings graduated from Collinsville High School in 1978-79. He earned his bachelor's and master's degrees from Purdue University.

Todd Turner, director of athletics at Vanderbilt, "He's turned down many opportunities to come to Illinois State, and his desire to come to Vanderbilt further illustrates our commitment to have a championship basketball program. As good a basketball coach as he is, he's an even better person with strong character and values that make him a pleasure to have."

Stallings' teams have delivered excellence both on and off the court. At ISU, Stallings coached three Academic All-Americans and six Academic All-District performers. All 18 of the seniors on his team graduated.

"Kevin Stallings is one of the young stars of the coaching world," Vanderbilt chancellor Joe Wyatt said. "He is committed to a winning program, both on the court and in the classroom. We want to take basketball to the next level of success, and I believe Kevin will help get us there."

## Stallings will jump into recruiting

By Brian Bretsch  
Staff writer

Kevin Stallings will have some work to do as the coach of the men's basketball team at Vanderbilt University.

The 38-year-old Stallings will have to make many contacts in the process. However, Stallings is not not concerned.

"In my estimation, there's always time left in the recruiting season because recruiting season never ends," said Stallings, a two-time all-state player at Collinsville High. "And, yes, the early signing period starts Wednesday. Recruiting is a passion of mine and it will be a passion of anybody I put around me. The exciting thing for me is almost every place I work, people are saying, 'We want to help you recruit.' If I'm doing a good job, I'd love to visit with him. A young man is going to come in here and he is going to feel the excitement. He is going to see the commitment."

"We been told there are three scholarships that are going to be available. It is certainly our desire to put those to good use. We may

use any or all of them. We won't sign someone just to have a body."

Stallings met with the current Commodores players about 30 minutes before the press conference but liked what he saw in the half-hour meeting.

Vanderbilt is the only private school in the Southeastern Conference.

"They're very intelligent and I say they are very intelligent because they're here," Stallings said. "And I don't know how many of them truly wanted to be their coach. I think probably the first ones to be here have only been in their presence for about 30 minutes. I think they're eager for success. I think they desire a vision or higher commitment and maybe higher success. And we're going to try to instill that in them. I believe guys will work very hard for you if they know you are committed to them and that you care about them. And the one thing I want them to understand, and the one thing they will understand over time; is that our staff will care about them."

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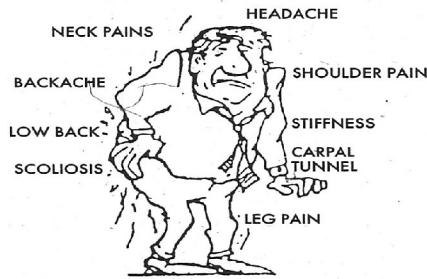
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# Coyotes plaguing residents

By Mary Shapiro  
and Heather Cole  
Staff writers

Coyotes, despite tipping the scales at only about 30 pounds each, have attacked heavily in recent months of some west St. Louis County residents.

In Chesterfield and Town and Country, some residents have blamed the animals. Some have even blamed the canines for the loss of pets. "Over the last few months, residents of White Plains subdivision have seen coyotes traveling in groups of as many as three," said Chesterfield Councilman Larry Grosser.

"They originally asked me if the police could come out and shoot the coyotes because residents were claiming some dogs and cats had been attacked and/or killed," he said. "I told them, 'We can't do that and you can't either unless you want to be charged with illegal discharge of a firearm.'"

Experts with the Missouri Department of Conservation said the coyotes will eventually go away if left alone.

John Schaeffer, president of White Plains' board of trustees, said he had hoped to have the coyotes relocated.

"But I'm afraid they'd come back," Schaeffer said. "Unfortunately, some kids will feed them, and that can encourage them to get too close to people," he said.

"Also, even though it's legal to trap, let small pets run loose. Coyotes can pounce from 8 or 10 feet away and can catch a small pet very easily."

Nicole Duffee, a resident of the Green Trails West subdivision in Chesterfield and a veterinarian, said recent sightings by her and her neighbors have included three coyotes in a group, likely a female with heat followed by two males.

"When I talk to neighbors with pets, I make a point of warning them that their animals should be out strictly under their supervision," Duffee said.

"To tether a pet outside with some food there puts it at risk; it's like serving it to a coyote on a cracker."



## Antique show

Friends of Lovejoy Library held its 29th Annual Antiques Show and Sale at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville recently. Clockwise, from top left, Claire Dill and her daughter Alisa of Edwardsville look at a slave cradle; Sharon Schaefer of Staunton looks over some glassware; displays and vendors filled the Vadalabene Center Gym; and Lois Wilkins of St. Louis looks at a table setting. Fifty antique dealers from across the Midwest displayed and sold furniture, china, glass, dolls, jewelry, silver, books, primitives, pottery, tools, clocks, porcelain, scientific instruments, paper items, m quilts, linen and country items. The two day event offered free appraisal with a paid admission.

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## Cadillac Escalade

### Cadillac enters SUV market

By Tom Strongman

You may think a Cadillac truck is an oxymoron, but actually it's a sign of the times.

Luxury sport-utility vehicles (SUVs) are growing faster than the stock market. Sales increased from 35,238 in 1996 to 92,032 in 1997. The Lincoln Navigator, the first full-size SUV version of the Ford Expedition, has been a big part of this boom, along with upscale models from brands such as Lexus, Mercedes-Benz and GMC.

Not wanting to stand idly by and watch sales go to another manufacturer, GM decided to design a ground-up vehicle all its own. Cadillac turned to General Motors' existing inventory and created an SUV from the GMC Denali, a former version of the Yukon.

In a surprising twist, leather seats, Zebrawood trim, a Bose Acoustimass stereo, automatic four-wheel drive, a 5.7-liter V-8 and General Motors' OnStar communications system.

Called the Escalade, a Latin-derived word that means "to climb," it took less than a year to come to fruition.

The Escalade's exterior is nearly identical to the Denali, save for a large grill dominated by Cadillac's wreath-and-cross emblem. Clear-lens headlamps have a jewel-like touch, and the body-colored bumper has recessed tow hooks and fog lights. Throf luggage rack is painted

body color, too.

Six-spoke, 16-inch chrome wheels carry large all-weather tires that are a perfect complement to a suspension tuned for ultimate in plushness. The Escalade floats down the road, especially at high speeds, with a ride that's almost as cushy as a Cadillac sedan.

This vehicle is clearly not intended for serious off-road use, although it does have GM's Autotrac four-wheel-drive system. Autotrac is best described as a limited-slip four-wheel drive system. It distributes power to the rear wheels until slippage occurs, at which time torque, or driving force, is transferred to the front wheels to balance traction needs.

The Escalade is slow in its operation and is especially useful in city driving in rain or snow. Of course, Four-Wheel-High and Four-Wheel-Low also can be selected by buttons on the instrument panel as driving needs dictate.

The engine is a 5.7-liter V-8 that puts out 225 horsepower, but it is not the gem found in the Silverado or Sierra pickups. This engine makes decent power, but acceleration is fairly leisurely because of the vehicle's 5,527-pound curb weight. Sixty mph comes up in 10.5 seconds. Brakes are disc in front and drum in back.

Anti-lock is standard. Like the other GM vehicles built on this platform, they lack the kind of power and responsiveness needed for a vehicle of this weight.

Seats are the biggest difference between the Denali and the Escalade. Not only are these covered in glove-soft leather, they are wide, soft and heated, both front and rear.

The door panels, center console and dash all have touches of Zebrawood. Even the steering wheel has wooden sections.

The in-dash AM/FM/CD/cassette Bose stereo is excellent. A six-disc CD changer is standard, along with bins for storage in front seats. Rear-seat passengers can listen to their music. Separate controls are mounted on the back of the center console, while two sets of Sony earphones fit in the fold-down rear center arm rest.

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Around back, a split tailgate opens down for access to the luggage space. The top-hinged window allows loading small items without opening the door. The side door has a dropback to the kind of tailgate as it forces you to lean across to get things in and out of the back. The benefit is it makes it possible to carry long items.

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By Rick Stoff  
  
Some people are stressed out before they get behind the steering wheel. Other drivers create their own stress—and inflict it on others. It's creating a daily commute as a competitive undertaking, and possibly most of the drivers who

get angry end up

that way due to

their mistakes,

carelessness or

sheer idiocy of

other drivers.

Whatever the

source, anger on

the road is not good and can make bad situations even worse.

AAA says aggressive driving incidents have increased about 7 percent annually

in this decade. Traffic congestion has reached the point that many otherwise calm and nice people are becoming part of the road rage problem.

Developing relaxation, fitness and better driving skills are solutions to relieve driving stress, as stressed in a video produced by the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety. The video provides tips for avoiding anger when you're behind the wheel and for minimizing damage when angry drivers who have lost control of their cars.

The video tells its story through Bill and Carl, two suburban neighbors who take different approaches to the daily commute. Carl drives more relaxed signals, lets other drivers merge in front of him and pulls over to let faster traffic pass.

Bill refuses to let other drivers merge. He looks them from passing his horn constantly and, if another angry driver finally pulls to a stop, looks from his vehicle and swings a tire iron through Bill's windshield.

How to avoid road anger yourself?

First, the video suggests, don't let anger or stress affect company you work for.

Drive a walk or a few deep breaths before starting the engine. Listen to relaxing music.

Then, change your attitudes about other drivers and adopt new belief systems about driving: Allow yourself plenty of time to reach your destination without getting angry. Don't let driving stress off the road. Remember, other drivers pay taxes and own the road, too. Unless you're on a race-track, driving is not a competition.

tive endeavor.

But what to do when another driver cuts you off, turns on turn signals, tailgates or blinds you with high-beam lights? As difficult as the suggestion seems, shrug it off. Maybe that driver just made a mistake. Maybe there's an emergency or other good reason for the person to be driving so poorly.

Or maybe that person, like many others, simply is a rotten driver. There's nothing the rest of us can do about it, so ignore it and move on.

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## Investing your money for the future

### Financial consultants face licensing tests, challenges of developing clientele

By Barbara Ponder  
Correspondent

Building a solid future through financial planning today is more than most can tackle alone.

Professionals, such as brokers and financial planners, often are needed to help individuals reach their goals.

"More times people know what they're trying to achieve but don't know how to achieve it," said Larry D. Richardson, vice president of investments at A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc.

Richardson manages the firm's Florissant branch, which opened in December and will employ seven brokers. He now is recruiting financial consultants who have security licenses and offer some experience.

A financial consultant listens to a person's goals then develops a portfolio of investment to get there.

"That's where discussion comes in," Richardson said. "A portfolio properly mixed in terms of allocations and with right types of investments can help them [clients] achieve their future goals."

Although distinct career paths, both brokers and financial planners use similar techniques.

A financial planner generally applies his knowledge of investment and tax strategies, to develop and implement a financial plan for a client.

Stock brokers generally determine the status of a client's current investments and offer options that will meet a client's needs, such as retirement or providing for a child's college education.

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Financial planners and brokers must pass a series of tests to obtain the appropriate licenses from the Securities Exchange Commission and National Association of Securities Dealers Inc.

Business students at the University of Missouri-St. Louis may seek an emphasis in finance which includes courses in corporate finance, financial planning and insurance, and investment portfolios.

Such courses qualify students to take the licensing examinations. Advancement within a firm, such as to branch manager, may require additional testing.

"The business of financial consulting is a very heavily regulated business," Richardson said.

"We must do the right thing for our client."

Compliance experts within a brokerage firm help brokers and others in the field stay within

securities rules and regulations. Financial consultants attend seminars and conferences during their careers.

The reason for that is to keep a financial consultant up to date and make sure he is familiar with the various issues that are changing in our industry," Richardson said.

"Brokerages hold a four-year degree before entering the field, but those with less education may still be top rated financial consultants," he said.

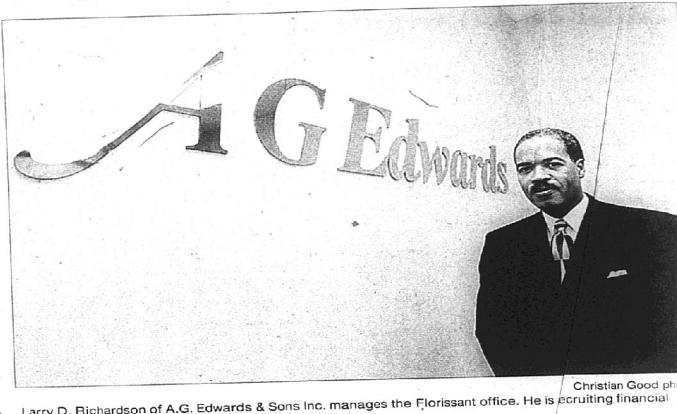
The type of person often is a more important factor in determining success, Richardson said than the type of degree, he said.

"Right off the top, we're looking for a person who is very responsible and has high integrity," Richardson said. "We're looking for someone who has a clear set of interests at hand, but also a person with drive and the innate ability to take the intangible and make it tangible for a client."

He said self-confidence and the ability to handle rejection also are important.

"You develop to a point where you say, 'I'm rejected' or get the closure of being approved," he said.

In 1983, Richardson, who holds a master's degree in business administration from Webster University, obtained his brokers license. In 1989, he began working at A.G. Edwards, which serves individuals and institutions.



Christian Good photo

Larry D. Richardson of A.G. Edwards & Sons Inc. manages the Florissant office. He is recruiting financial

consultants who help families prepare for the future.

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Richardson said the firm's philosophy is "very conservative."

"We look at the overall picture of the market's stability," he said. "If a person has enough money, we look at investing. If they're not in the investing mode yet, we encourage them to be savers first."

Richardson was promoted to the branch manager about three years ago and worked at the firm's Frontenac location before opening the Florissant office.

He said he believes his business succeeds because of its ana-

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whether a company is a sound investment.

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# Birds On The Bat designer's work on display in Ferguson

By Greg Uptain  
Staff writer

As Cardinals fans prepare for the smell of hot dogs and the crack of the bat, they can grow nostalgic about the team's original uniform logo through a local display.

The Ferguson Residential Resource Center, 108 Church St., is hosting a display featuring memorabilia of the late Alvin Keaton, a Ferguson resident who designed the Cardinal-birds-on-a-bat logo that has prominently perched on the bats used every year since 1922.

"We needed to come up with a trivia question about Ferguson, and we found it (a

picture of Keaton) in the old files of the Historical Society," said Theresa Carper, director of the resource center.

The items were loaned to the Ferguson Residential Resource Center by a relative of Keaton.

The glass case features such things as: Keaton's original birds design; a Cardinal hood ornament she had on her car;

Keaton by team members; a Cardinal book; a picture of Keaton pointing to the Cardinal design on sunburst.

Musical instruments, ball with player's name, a picture of Keaton's childhood home at 37 N. Clark Ave., now home to the Oak Knoll Nursing Rehabilitation Center, and a

guesbook from a March 1944 dinner at Keaton's home featuring the signatures of players like Musial, Marty Marion, Walker Cooper and Pepper Martin.

"She was a big baseball fan, a big Cardinals fan," Carper said. "She really enjoyed baseball."

The logo came about because of a meeting of the civic organization, Men's Brotherhood, that took place Feb. 16, 1922, at the First Presbyterian Church of Ferguson. The meeting featured Cardinals Vice-President Branch Rickey as one of the speakers.

Keaton was commissioned by her father, Edward Schmidt, a commercial artist

who designed an addition to the old Sportsman's Park, to come up with the decorations for the meeting. She drew a picture of some Cardinal birds flying around, creating a beautiful red and white image and used that for the meeting decorations.

Rickey fell in love with the idea of using the birds as a logo, because, up until that time, the Cardinal nickname had only symbolized the color of the team's socks.

The logo was on the birds on the uniform for the first time during the 1922 season. The Cardinals finished in a tie for third place that year, won the pennant, and finish any of the previous Cardinal teams could muster in this century.

But, the team soon took off after that, reeling off six world championships in the next 21 years.

Cardinals fans howled in protest when then-general manager Frank Lane took the Redbirds off the uniform shirt in 1956. He put it back on in 1957 and remained there since.

After her logo design,

Keaton and her husband, Clarence, moved on to organize to the team, including organizing to the banquet for the team in Cairo, Ill., where the Cardinals held their spring training during World War II.

"We were so honored that she awarded her a lifetime pass to all Cardinal games," Carper said. "Supposedly, it was a gold

ticket, but they cannot find the ticket."

She said Keaton's items have drawn the interest of those who run the St. Louis Cardinals Baseball Hall of Fame in downtown St. Louis. A curator is supposed to come out and look at the display after the season opens, Carper said.

The display has been up for about two weeks, and Carper said it will probably remain there until the end of the season. The display is open to the public during the resource center's normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## SLU student government issues no-confidence vote in administration

By Sonia Ahuja  
Staff writer

Differences between students and the administration at Saint Louis University climaxed last week, with students taking a "no-confidence" vote against the administration.

The Student Government Association Wednesday voted 25-9 in favor of the measure. It comes just two weeks after SLU officials proposed a parking fee increase for students, faculty, staff and visitors.

The fee increase takes effect July 1. Students who currently pay \$200 a year will now pay \$330, for example.

The increase has led to student and faculty protests, and a plea for more involvement by students,

faculty and staff in the university's decision-making process.

A vote of "no confidence" — the strongest statement the elected student body can make — means students will support the administration, said Joseph Hodes, SGA president. He said Wednesday's vote was the first time in SLU's history that students even voted on a no-confidence measure.

"Parking is really a minor issue," Hodes said. "I have gotten a lot of attention, though, because it's a pocketbook. What we are really objecting to is the way the university makes its decisions."

The SGA has opposed the fee increase and is requesting seats for students, faculty and

staff on the university President's Coordinating Council (PCC) and its Board of Trustees. It also is seeking to publicize the representation issue.

Students aren't the only ones who want more representation.

The Faculty Senate Tuesday voted to reject the parking fee increase and to approve a seat for seats for students, faculty and staff on the PCC. It tabled a no-confidence vote.

"Shared governance has been talked about for years at SLU, but it hasn't actually existed," said Lyn Amine, Senate president.

Prior to Wednesday's vote, the SGA had hoped SLU officials would accept Rev. Lawrence Biondi, president, and James Kimmye, vice president — would respond

favorably to the request for increased representation.

Hodes said Biondi's response, issued last Friday, was unsatisfactory to most SGA members. In the memo, Biondi said he would ask the trustees to consider allowing a student to sit on their board.

"Father Biondi did not say he would support our request for a seat on the board," Hodes said.

In his memo, Biondi did not mention the SGA's request for seats on the PCC but said students, faculty and staff may present their views to the PCC on a regular basis.

Hodes said he hopes the administration will be able to settle the differences.

"It would take a reversal of

the parking fee increase as it

now stands and increased presence of students, faculty, and staff at the decision-making table to repeal the no-confidence vote," he said.

Biondi's office is attempting to arrange a meeting next week with Biondi and representatives of the SGA and the Faculty Senate, said Sandra Johnson, university

provost, on Thursday.

Some students are already seeking alternatives to parking on campus, Hodes said. Some students pay for permits to park in nearby non-university lots such as the Fox Theatre on Grand Boulevard and the Masonic Temple on Lindell Boulevard, for example.

**Joseph Hodes**

SLU Student Government president

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